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SOCIALISTS SWAMP THE POLLS

Heavy Socialist Vote in Milwaukee.

Outstanding features of yesterday's loyalty primary were a five-fold increase in the Socialist vote.

Berger Cuts Thompson Vote.
In Milwaukee Berger cut heavily into the Thompson vote and polled practically as many as Lenroot and Thompson together. The Milwaukee vote on fairly complete returns was: Berger, 15,496; Thompson, 9,917; Lenroot, 6,181. It was generally conceded that it was only the heavy Socialist vote which prevented the nomination of Thompson by an unmistakable margin.

In the state legislature the Socialist members ordinarily vote with the La Follette faction and stood solidly with La Follette against the recently passed resolution censuring him.

In Milwaukee the Socialist vote for municipal officers and aldermen in the nonpartisan primary was even more impressive. Mayor Hoan, Socialist, received the highest number of votes of any of the four candidates, estimated closely at 20,823. Branam, Republican, was his nearest opponent with 16,283. Dammann, Republican, and Park, Democrat, polled, respectively, 4,905 and 1,127. Under the nonpartisan primary system the two receiving the highest number of votes become the candidates at the regular election. The Socialists also nominated their men for all city offices and for six of the eleven aldermen-at-large.

Missing Counties
Counties still missing at 11 o'clock were Adams, Bayfield, Clark, Crawford, Florence, Forest, Iron, Jackson, Marquette, Polk, Richard, Rusk, Vilas and Waushara.

The sparse reports received during the forenoon did not materially alter the relative standing of the candidates. Twenty-nine out of thirty-three precincts of Sheboygan county gave Lenroot 993 and Thompson 1,800. Berger, the Socialist, polled 2,105 and his friends, even more optimistic than last night, predicted that his state vote would run close to 60,000. Ashland, a Lenroot stronghold, with three precincts missing, gave Lenroot 1,426, Thompson 411 and Berger 256. Autaugies county with six precincts missing, gave Thompson 2,905, Lenroot 1,139 and Berger 425.

EMME, SOCIALIST CANDIDATE, WINS OUT IN ST. PAUL.

Mayorality Candidate, Runs Away From Others in St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., March 20.—L. C. Hodgson and J. F. Emme were nominated at the nonpartisan primaries yesterday with large leads over Den E. Lane, third, and Gliber Gottensten, fourth.

Winn Powers, former mayor, trailed a poor fifth, followed by W. J. Donahower and A. N. Craighead in the order named.

Hodgson drew the largest vote ever given a mayorality candidate at a primary election. The vote of the three leaders was: Hodgson, 10,059; Emme, 6,154; and Lane 3,878.

HARRIS RUNS THIRD; LOSES OUT BY 135 VOTES.

Two Candidates Win Out in Third and Sixth Wards.

State Senator Fred A. Baxter received a majority of all votes cast for mayor in the primary election held Tuesday in Superior, getting 2,993 out of a total of 5,370 votes cast.

Mayor J. S. Konkel was defeated for a nomination, running fourth in the five-cornered race.

On the ticket with Mr. Baxter will be Solon L. Perrin, who received 741 votes. E. B. Harris, Socialist candidate, was third with 606 votes. Mayor Konkel received but 557 votes and Roy M. Arnold was given 473 votes.

In the Wisconsin senatorial Republican primaries, Congressman Irvine L. Lenroot received 2,949 votes in the city. His opponent, James Thompson, was given 518 votes. Jos. E. Davies, Democrat, won over Dr. Charles McCarthy by a large majority.



LEON TROTSKY

A TALK WITH LEON TROTSKY

By EDWARD ALSWORTH ROSS From the "Independent".

This personal interview with the leader of the Bolsheviks is by Prof. Edward Alsworth Ross, the eminent American sociologist and economist. "I have traveled 15,000 miles," writes Professor Ross, "since I set out from Petrograd. I bring back amazing stories. I consider my half year in Russia, in 1917, the richest experience possible to a sociologist since the summer of 1793 in France."

It was on a short Petrograd December day but a little over a month after the capture of power by the Bolsheviks that I ran the gauntlet of the soldiers that guard the long corridors of Smolni Institute and was ushered into the presence of Leon Trotsky, nee Bronstein Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Bolsheviks and right hand man of Lenin, nee Oulianoff, the economist and strategist of Russian Socialism. I found a square-shouldered man of medium height whose advertisement of intellect in his broad wall-like forehead was balanced by a firm, square chin announcing will.

After telling him I was interested in his economic program rather than his peace program, I asked: "Is it the intention of your party to dispossess the owners of industrial plants in Russia?"

"No," he replied. "We are not ready yet to take over all industry. That will come in time, but no one can say how soon. For the present, we expect out of the earnings of a factory to pay the owner five or six per cent yearly on his actual investment. What we aim at now is control rather than ownership."

"What do you mean by 'control'?" "I mean that we will see to it that the factory is run not from the point of view of private profit but from the point of view of the social welfare democratically conceived. For example, we will not allow the capitalist to shut up his factory in order to starve his workmen into submission or because it is not yielding him

The following supervisors were nominated in Superior:

First Ward—A. J. Weiss and John A. Bardon.
Second Ward—F. W. Hacher and William A. Hagren.
Third Ward—John Bradshaw and Jacob Lundeen.
Fourth Ward—B. Milavitz and J. Harris.

Fifth Ward—P. Ackerson and J. Rehnstrand.
Sixth Ward—Alex McKenzie and A. Marx.
Seventh Ward—J. Dolan and R. L. Crandell.
Eighth Ward—W. W. Andrew and F. J. Kenyon.

Ninth Ward—G. Adolphson and A. H. Cumz.
Tenth Ward—J. Megawa and E. Buchanan.

Votes cast for constable were as follows:
James Baker, 2,789; W. O. Streeter, 1,951, and William Peterson, 1,239.

An Appeal To Our Readers

Dear Reader:

We are placing the issue before you, it will be for you to decide. Do you desire the Truth to continue? If so, then we appeal to you for your support.

We will be having a fight in the Eighth congressional district this coming Fall, and it will be ever increasingly necessary for us to have our OWN PRESS. Because during that campaign, the capitalist press will lie and abuse us. We must place the issue of the campaign before the workers, and we shall have to do that through our own press. So you see the necessity of keeping our paper alive.

We are for PEACE, we are the only paper in Northern Minnesota and Michigan that stands squarely for PEACE. We are not for a peace that will come with the stopping of this war, we are for the peace that will stop all wars. We are opposed to militarism, but we are also opposed to prostitution, child-slavery and the other evils of capitalism.

We want to see the whole world happy and smiling, and so we are opposed to all wars, and the creator of all wars, CAPITALISM. We need your support in such a fight, and you need ours. So comrades, come and join in the only battle, wherein no man can fail.

The question is, how can we assist TRUTH? There are various ways, and we suggest the following:

1. Subscribe to the paper, get others to subscribe.
2. Buy a share in the paper, it will cost you five dollars; you can pay a dollar down, and a dollar when you are able.
3. Lend us money, and we will send you subscription cards as security for same.
4. You can donate from one dollar to the whole thousand that is required.
5. Get your local to buy a share, also take a bundle order of twenty copies, this will cost them 60 cents, and they will sell them for \$1.00.

6. Secure advertisements for the paper. Impress the fact upon your merchant that you buy Truth. Women comrades should organize parties and make a drive on one store.

Comrades, we want one thousand dollars and we will give to you an increased sized paper. We have every chance of being a success, if you answer this appeal promptly. Out through the blood and tears of Europe, the hand of labor is stretched, appealing to you to answer their cries. Asking you to do something to stop this cursed march of militarism. If you value the lives of your children, you will enlist in the cause of Socialism, and the best way to assist that cause is to assist TRUTH.

Comrades, the need is urgent, we do not want to give up at a time when we are most needed. Do not let it be said that we have not got sufficient comrades, with sufficient faith to keep the paper alive.

The Editor.

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a profit. If it is turning out economically a needed product it must be kept running. If the capitalist abandons it, he will lose it altogether, for a board of directors chosen by the workmen will be put in charge.

"Again, 'control' implies that the books and correspondence of the concern will be open to the public, so that henceforth there will be no industrial secrets. If this concern hits upon a better process or device it will be communicated to all other concerns in the same branch of industry, so that the public will promptly realize the utmost possible benefit from the find. At present, it is hidden away from other concerns at the dictate of the profit-seeking motive and for years the article may be kept needlessly scarce and dear to the consuming public.

"Control" also means that primary requisites limited in quantity such as coal, oil, iron, steel, etc., will be allotted to the different plants calling for them with an eye to their social utility. On a limited stock of materials of production, concerns that produce luxuries should have a slighter claim than those which produce necessities.

"Don't misunderstand me," he added, "we are not ascetics. Luxuries shall be produced, too, when there is enough of fuel and materials for all the factories."

"On what basis will you apportion a limited supply of the means of production among the claimant industries?"

"Not as now according to the bidding of capitalists against one another, but on the basis of full and carefully gathered statistics."

"Will the workmen's committee or the elected managers of a factory be free to run it according to their own lights?"

"No, they will be subject to policies laid down by the local council of workmen's deputies."

"Will this council be at liberty to adopt such policies as it pleases?"

"No, their range of discretion will be limited in turn by regulations made for each class of industry by the boards of bureaus of the central government."

"In a conversation last week with Prince Kropotkin," I said, "he urged that each center be autonomous with respect to the industries carried on within it. Let the city of Moscow, for example, be owner and mistress of all the mills in and around that city. What do you think of it?"

"Kropotkin's communalism," replied Trotsky, leaning forward a little in his earnestness, "would work in a simple society based on agriculture and household industries, but it isn't at all suited to the state of things in modern industrial society. The coal from the Donetz basin goes all over Russia and is indispensable in all sorts of industries. Now, don't you see that if the organized people of that district could do just as they pleased with the coal mines, they could hold up all the rest of Russia if they chose? Entire independence of each locality respecting its industries would result in endless friction

and difficulties in a society that has reached the stage of local specialization of industry. Kropotkin has in mind the Russia of sixty years ago, the Russia of his youth."

"Then you are centralist rather than federalist?"

"Not at all," he answered quickly, "on economic matters the degree of centralization should correspond with the actual stage of development of industrial organization. But unitary regulation of production is very different from the centralization that characterized the old regime. There is no call for the steam roller to crush the different nationalities among us into conformity of speech, religion, education, etc."

"What should be done to meet the wishes of the diverse nationalities in Russia, Finns, Letts, Lithuanians, Little Russians, Georgians, Armenians and Tartars?"

"The only solution is a Federal Union such as you have in the United States. Let each of the states of future Russia be free to do as it will in respect to language, schools, religion, courts, laws, penal systems, etc."

"Do you propose that the profits earned by a concern shall be divided among its workers?"

"No, profit-sharing is a bourgeois notion. The workers in a mill will be paid adequate wages. All the profits not paid to the owners will belong to society."

"To the local community or to the central government?"

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NEWS TRIBUNE LIES AGAIN

The News-Tribune a few days ago printed an editorial in which they stated that Morris Hillquit had gone over to the Government. Knowing the News-Tribune, we communicated with Comrade Hillquit to make sure as to his position, and received the following reply:

Dear Comrade Carney:
In compliance with your request I herewith enclose a full statement of my remarks at the recent Carnegie Hall mass meeting in this city, to which the clipping of the Duluth News-Tribune refers.

You will readily see that the statement is anything but an offer of service in connection with the military operations of this or any other country. It is a reiteration of the position which I took when I applied for passports to the Stockholm Conference. I was ready then, as I am ready now, to serve the cause of International Socialism by supporting the struggles of the Russian democracy and stimulating the revolutionary anti-war sentiments of the German Socialists and workers.

Fraternal yours,
Morris Hillquit.

Speech in question:

From the last accounts it appears that German militarism and autocracy have forced the young democratic republic of Russia to sign an involuntary peace treaty.

For the time being the situation seems gloomy for revolutionary Russia and for the proletariat of the world. I can not believe that the gloom will continue a long time. I still have enough faith in the working class of all countries to believe that the German and Austrian workers will eventually turn their arms against their despotic and imperialist governments and make common cause with their brothers in revolutionary Russia.

In this connection I want to say that there is one branch of the service in which the Socialists of all allied countries might well take part, the service of stirring the spirit of rebellion in Germany and Austria and the support of Karl Liebknecht, Hugo Haase and the whole anti-war faction of German Socialists.

I for one am ready to-day, and the representatives of the Department of Justice here may notice it well and report it to Washington, to go to Europe and to help spread the revolutionary propaganda in the enemy countries. I have been ready to do so ever since I applied for passports to attend the projected International Socialist Conference at Stockholm.

In the light of recent events the refusal of the allied governments to allow the Socialists of their countries to attend the Stockholm Conference appears to me the greatest of the many diplomatic blunders these governments have committed during the war, and I maintain that even to-day a representative conference of the Socialists of all countries would do more to bring about a democratic and lasting peace than all negotiations of the governments.

Such a conference would be particularly effective if the representatives of the allied countries would be first placed in a position to assure their German and Austrian comrades that none of the allied governments entertained imperialistic or annexationist aims and that if the people of Germany and Austria would overthrow their Kaisers and war parties, none of the allies would march into the Teutonic democracies and do to them what autocratic Germany and Austria are trying to do to Russia to-day.

I am glad to say that we, the Socialists of the United States, have been enabled by the last utterances of President Wilson to say to our comrades abroad that America is ready for a democratic peace to-day. The declaration of the President of our Republic suggesting peace discussions on the basis of justice and self-determination of nations, is one to which we Socialists can heartily subscribe because we have been urging such a declaration for so long.

During our recent mayoralty campaign one of the most common charges made against us was that we were not standing behind the President. It now appears that the President is standing behind us—fully three months behind us. But this is really not an indication of conservatism, since we still have many statesmen, with the redoubtable Colonel at their head, who are a full century behind the President and behind their times, and still prating about a "knockout blow" and a "reformation of the world by the force of arms."

I never could believe that Providence had sent a few men into the world ready booted and spurred to ride, and millions ready saddled and bridled to be ridden.—Richard Rumbold, on the scaffold, 1685.

I have seen some nations, like overloaded asses, Kick off their burdens—meaning the high classes.—Byron.

SUPERIOR NEWS

MAYOR KONKEL IN HIS "ANNOUNCEMENT TO VOTERS"

Pledges himself, if re-elected, to enforce the law. Therefore I will try to illustrate how he did it while he "served" the people for the last six years. About two years ago Superior was voted dry, and naturally blind pigs took the places of saloons. Then every once in a while the blind pigs got pinched, paid their fines and marched back to their blind pigs free for action again. The gambling places were regulated on the same plan. Also houses of ill-fame went through the same course. So this was his honor's striking way of checking crime and prostitution in the city. Of course we Socialists know that those evils cannot be abolished under Capitalism. But I just want to show a peculiar method of law "enforcement".

Then our loyal Mayor made an attempt once to "enforce" the law by arming himself with half of the police force to break up a Peoples Council Meeting, which on account of a mistake in the date did not unfortunately take place, so his loyalty turned back without rendering "valuable service" to the flag.

But nevertheless he showed his "friendship" towards labor allright in the time of the street car strike by giving protection to imported scabs without experience to run the cars, to help defeat the strike and show more of that friendship in all labor troubles.

Then our Mayor had the virtue of making honesty his policy. Yes, indeed, was very far from graft. Of course a good many people are looking for the reason of many saloon-keepers buying Konkels cars before they got their license. Well, it seems that the people will never lose their bad habit of this trust.

But he certainly deserves credit in doing his bit by suppressing the "damnable" I. W. W. Of course they grew in strength, but that was not the Mayor's fault, because it is natural that the more you try to suppress a movement for justice the faster she grows. And it was the hanging of a Frank Little, the confiscating of their literature and forbidding them to speak, the imprisonment and torturing of their best men. The destruction of their headquarters in Duluth and many other places by the U. S. Cossacks. That it brought me and thousands of others closer to them. The members of the Trades and Labor Assembly of Superior are the Mayor's "labor friends" to crucify the I. W. W. But a little later had to condemn his honor for trying to hinder a referendum by the people to go back to a more representative form of government in Superior.

Now my sole purpose of reviewing some of the doings in the city was not to criticize the Mayor, which it is not worth while, but as a big campaign is on and I hear workingmen say, well, Konkels was not the right man, while the other two Commissioners weren't any better, and neither were you any better off before Konkels' administration. Still workingmen are now taking the job of a minister to discuss if this or the other candidates for office are wet or dry! It is time for us to know that the main issue in campaigns, city, state and national, also between campaigns, is: shall the worker get the full product of his labor? It is a fact that the worker is robbed at the point of production. So we must fight for our immediate demands by organizing on industrial lines to demand immediately of our exploiters higher wages for our labor power to make up for the high cost of living. Get better conditions through an organized force by cutting down the hours of labor, so that will reduce the keen competition for jobs among the workers. Let us march in this direction to get more and more power, more and more control, until we'll have it all. This is not a dream, because the development of industry, the modern machine, the concentration of wealth, with a dying middle-class is laying down the concrete for the road to the emancipation by abolishing a system of bloody capitalist exploitation.

Joseph R. Booth,
(Candidate for no office)
Superior, Wis.

Whoever produces anything by weary labor, does not need a revelation from heaven to teach him that he has a right to the thing produced.

Rob't G. Ingersol.

effective aid it would wish to render, I beg to assure the people of Russia, through the congress, that it will avail itself of every opportunity to secure for Russia once more complete sovereignty and independence in her own affairs and full restoration to her great role in the life of Europe and the modern world. The whole heart of the people of the United States is with the people of Russia in the attempt to free themselves from autocratic government and become the masters of their own life.

"Woodrow Wilson."

Although the government of the United States is unhappily not now in a position to render the direct and

SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN RALLY A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

The Socialist Campaign Rally in Tower hall last Sunday was one of the most successful and best attended meetings that have been held in Superior by any organization for months. Nearly four hundred people gathered to hear the speakers, Ellis B. Harris, candidate for mayor, and Otto Branstetter, of Chicago. And this notwithstanding the fact that the Scandinavian comrades held a meeting at the same hour in Terminal hall, a noted Scandinavian speaker from Chicago being present, and the Jewish comrades had an entertainment in the afternoon in Moose hall. The Scandinavian and Jewish comrades had arranged their meetings for the afternoon, having understood that the campaign rally would be held in the evening, as announced at first, but which had to be changed for the afternoon also on account of the fact that the Chicago speaker was compelled to leave Superior on the 6 o'clock train in order to make connections for his Monday evening speaking engagement at Athens, Wis.

The Campaign Committee was somewhat disappointed on learning Sunday morning that Comrade German had been sent to St. Louis and that Comrade Branstetter had been sent to Superior instead. But Branstetter is a lecturer of many years successful experience in the socialist movement and succeeded in expounding the principles of socialism to the entire satisfaction of his audience. Com. Branstetter is in charge of the literature department at the national headquarters in Chicago.

Com. Harris opened the meeting, speaking for an hour on local campaign topics. He was followed by Branstetter, who dealt principally with the causes and effects of the present world war and the doctrines of socialism on a world wide scale.

A collection taken at the end of Com. Branstetter's speech brought in \$29.48. Literature to the amount of \$6.90 was sold at the opening of the meeting. Berger platforms and cards, and other socialistic literature was distributed free to all those that attended the meeting.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE GIVES ENTERTAINMENT.

The Superior Workmen's Circle, composed of Jewish comrades, gave a very successful entertainment in Moose hall last Sunday afternoon. The principal numbers on the program were a speech in Jewish by Com. Joe Booth, which was the opening number, and speeches in English by Comrades Jack Carney of Duluth and Ellis B. Harris of Superior. The musical numbers on the program were a violin solo by Miss Cohen and a vocal solo by Mrs. Aino Saari, both being accompanied on the piano by Miss Moghinsky. The dance by little Miss Laila Kusisto brought down the house and had to be repeated, after which the little lady was presented with a box of candy.

A framed photo of Comrade Debs, donated by L. Kenpinsky, was sold and went to the Duluth Labor Lyceum, Comrade Litman acting as "auctioneer". The pictures of six European socialists, donated by the Työmies Publishing Co., were won by Com. Booth. Miss Moghinsky won the box of candy. When luncheon was served, Miss Lillian Harris rendered a song with piano accompaniment, which was appreciated by all. Comrade Snyder acted as toastmaster.

The members of the Circle appreciate very much the aid they received from the Duluth comrades in making this entertainment a success, especially Comrades Litman and Snyder. They also wish to thank Com. Jack Carney for the talk he made, and Com. Harris for his speech.

About \$42 was realized by the entertainment, 50 per cent of which will be donated to the Socialist Campaign Fund in Superior.

Joseph Polin,
Chairman of Committee.

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"Woodrow Wilson."

A TALK WITH LEON TROTZKY

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"They will be shared between the two according to their comparative needs."

"What will be shared—everything above running expenses? Or will you set aside something for depreciation, so that when the plant is worn out there will be money enough to replace it?"

"Oh, of course, it is only pure profit that will be divided."

"By sticking to this principle you can keep up the existing industrial outfit. But in some branches—say the making of motorcycles or tractors—new factories are called for to supply the expanding needs of the public. Where will the money come from that will build these new factories?"

"We can impose on the capitalist to whom we allow a dividend of five or six per cent on his capital the obligation to reinvest in some industry—a part, say twenty-five per cent—of what he receives."

"If in Russia you hold the capitalists down to five or six per cent while in other countries they can hope for twice or thrice as much return, won't Russia be stripped of capital?"

"They won't be allowed to remove their capital from Russia at will," said Trotsky significantly.

"Besides," he went on, "do you imagine that capitalist control is going to survive everywhere save in Russia? In all the European belligerent countries I expect to see social revolution after the war. So long as they remain in the trenches the soldiers think of little but their immediate problem—to kill your opponent before he kills you. But when they go home and find their family scattered, perhaps their home desolate, their industry ruined and their taxes five times as high as before, they will begin to consider how this appalling calamity was brought upon them. They will be open to the demonstration that the scramble of capitalists and groups of capitalists for foreign markets and exploitable 'colonial' areas, imperialism, secret diplomacy and armament rivalry promoted by munition makers, brought on the war. Once they perceive that the capitalist class is responsible for this terrible disaster to humanity they will arise and wrest the control from its hands. To be sure, a proletarian Russia cannot get very far in realizing its aims, if all the rest of the world remains under the capitalist regime. But that will not happen."

"Everywhere in Russia I go I find a slump of forty or fifty per cent in the productivity of the workmen in the factories. Is there not danger of an insufficiency of manufactured goods if the workmen of each factory follow pretty much their own gait?"

"The current low productivity is a natural reaction from the labor-driving characteristic of the old regime. In time that will be overcome by standards of efficiency being adopted by each craft union and the denial of the advantages of membership to such workmen as will not or cannot come up to these standards. Besides, collectivist production will make great use of Taylor system of scientific management. It has not been popular among the proletariat because as now applied it chiefly swells the profits of the capitalist with little benefit to the working man or the consuming public. When all the economy of effort it achieves accrues to society as a whole, it will be cheerfully and generally adopted, and premature labor, prolonged labor and overwork will be abandoned because needless."

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Think Happy Time Is Near.

"The Russian republic uses the occasion of the message from President Wilson to express to all peoples who are dying and suffering from the horrors of this imperialistic war its warm sympathy and firm conviction that the happy time is near when the laboring masses in all bourgeois countries will throw off the capitalist yoke and establish a socialist state of society, which is the only one capable of assuring a permanent and just peace as well as the culture and well being of all who toil."

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TO FATHERS AND MOTHERS

Every Sunday we wend our way to the Stack Building, Room 116, and as soon as we put our head around the side of the door, we say to all our young comrades, "How are we all doing?" and immediately from over thirty young and lusty comrades, there comes one mighty yell, "We are alright." Comrades, to hear those young kiddies, ranging from three to twelve years old, to see the smiles on their faces, it is worth more than all Morgan's or Rockefeller's gold, to be a teacher to such a class. They are so attentive and ever ready to ask questions, and believe me, we are going to make that class the talk of Duluth. Children are the real gems of society, and at all times our main interests should lie with the children. There is something pathetic about the child that is in want, you gaze at his little blue eyes, the poor kid cannot speak for himself, and he seems to say, "What have I done, I mean no harm, so why should I starve?" We have seen the tear-stained cheeks of the mother, who could not buy bread for her little ones. We have seen this, comrades, and with a lump in the throat and a misty look in our eyes, we have turned away.

Have you ever heard Allan S. Broms speak, have you not been struck by his sincerity? Allan S. Broms has performed yeoman service for the cause of Socialism. The history of the Socialist movement in Minnesota will not be complete without the work of Allan Broms. Comrades, he has been sentenced to twenty years hard labor, just for remaining true to the cause of Socialism. His wife is in dire need, her little children are suffering in consequence. Like a real rebel, she preferred that no one know of her and her children's suffering. She said the cause needs support better than we do, if we die, we are only three, do not let the cause die. Comrades, say, our eyes are getting misty, we have a dollar to spare for Mrs. Broms and her little children. Would you comrades like to make these kiddies and their mother happy? Would you like to let a ray of sunshine into that little home of theirs? Comrades, you will not fail, will you all send us a dollar, just one dollar and let us send a gift of one hundred dollars? Comrades, let the little kiddies not cry for the want of food, but let you and us just give a dollar each?

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WHY A CIVIL WAR IS RAGING IN FINLAND AND WHY GERMANY INVADED FINLAND.

(Special to Truth.)

Recently the news dispatches in the daily papers have related how a civil war is raging in Finland. The news dispatches have not stated why a civil war is raging there. The same dispatches have also related how the so-called red guards had practised horrible cruelties.

It is true that an open struggle is going on in Finland between the pro-German bourgeoisie and the industrial workers and small farmers who defend democracy, but it is absolutely untrue that the red guard, organized by labor government, is practicing cruelties. These news dispatches are sent from Stockholm, Sweden, and they are all purposely made up; they are all infamous falsehoods. As Sweden has always had a yearning for the Aland Islands and were sent out to the world that anarchy was reigning in Finland so that Sweden could get a pretext for seizing the Aland Islands.

The Finnish bourgeoisie have always been pro-German. When the present war broke out, they sent a large number of the members of their class into the German army to fight against Russia, although Finland formed a part of Russia. They went to fight for German junkerism, militarism and imperialism, and against democracy. These Finns were carefully trained in the German army so that they would be able to fight against the democratic elements of Finland for German German junkerism.

Then came the revolution in Russia; the government of the czar was overthrown. The Finnish people, who have always hoped for the independence of their country, saw that the time had come when they could realize their fondest, a desire to be allowed to sway their own destinies. They took courage to demand independence and more so for the reason that the allies and President Wilson had assured the world that the allies were fighting for democracy and for the rights of the small nations. But the Finnish bourgeoisie even went as far as to oppose this by scheming with Germany and Sweden against the independence of Finland. But due to the resolute action of the people they did not succeed in this.

The working class of Finland and the larger portion of the farmers, the small farmers, demanded that power shall be centralized in the Diet, the representative body elected by the people. The bourgeoisie demanded that the power shall be vested outside the Diet, to a council of three not selected by the people. Their final intention was to form a kingdom of Finland and to set up some German prince as a King. (The latest news dispatches report that the Finnish bourgeoisie desire the German Kaiser's fifth son, Oscar, to be king of Finland.) In this attempt they did not succeed, however, for the people vigorously demanded a democratic form of government.

When the reactionary and pro-German bourgeoisie saw that the will of the people could not be opposed, unless especially radical methods be employed, they commenced openly to organize the so-called "White Guards" (which in Finland are called the "Butcher Guards"). At the same time they commenced to offer the Aland Islands to the German and to Sweden and mastery in Finland in exchange for aid in crushing down the democratic elements. The Finlanders in the German army were called home, and ammunition, regiments of soldiers, etc., were sent from Germany into Finland.

The proletariat of Finland have long suffered terrible hunger which is entirely unknown to the people of this country. The land does not produce enough grain to feed its people, and on account of war grain could not be imported from elsewhere. Regardless of this the bourgeoisie transported grain to Sweden and through there to Germany. The desire was to starve the democratic elements to death.

All these facts led to the democratic elements being compelled to rise against bourgeoisie in a resolute manner. There was no other possibility. The suffering and the patience of the people have their limits. Here is the reason why civil war is raging in Finland.

The very latest dispatches state that German troops have invaded Finland at the behest of the Finnish bourgeoisie and that the country has been made a vassal state of Germany. The Finnish bourgeoisie have sold their country to the German junkers.

When Germany invaded Belgium, the whole world justly condemned this. By invading Finland Germany committed a still greater, a more serious crime, for the invasion of Finland cannot be defended even by the pretense that it was a military necessity, by which subterfuge Germany has apologized its invasion of Belgium. And it is not mitigated by

the fact that the invasion of Finland was made on the demand of the Finnish bourgeoisie.

The democratic elements in Finland have always hated German junkerism, realizing that it was dangerous to democracy. But now the indignation of these elements has risen to its highest point on account of recent events. Their indignation has grown extremely bitter toward the bourgeoisie, who shamefully sold their country in opposing democracy.

The people of Finland are progressive and democratic. This is shown by the fact that Finland has full suffrage for women, a Diet composed of only one chamber, a proportional method of election, etc. These rights the people fought for themselves in 1906 notwithstanding the opposition of their country's bourgeoisie.

We know well the situation in Finland, and as false and incomplete reports of it have been given in news dispatches, we feel that our duty toward the people of this country, toward humanity and democracy, command us to tell the plain truth. We dare to hope that when the people of this country get the true facts of the situation, their sympathies will be on the side of the democratic elements of Finland who are fighting heroically and tenaciously against domestic reaction and German junkerism. We are assured that the people can impress upon the government of this country the necessity of recognizing the government of the Finnish workers, for it is the best service that can be rendered to democracy and is a blow to German junkerism.

In addition we cannot refrain from sincerely regretting the fact that there are in this country a few Finlanders, a few Finnish newspapers, that pretend to be loyal to the cause of democracy, but fight furiously for the pro-German Finnish bourgeoisie and for German junkerism.

We must some day, at last and forever, cross the line between Non-sense and Common Sense. And on that day we shall pass from Class Patrialism, originally derived from fetish fiction in times of universal ignorance, to Human Brotherhood in accordance with the nature of things and our growing knowledge of it; from political government to Industrial Administration; from competition in Individualism to Individualism in Co-operation; from War and Spoils, to Peace and Liberty.

Thos. Carlyle.

A poor man is ever at a disadvantage in matters of public concern. When he rises to speak, or writes a letter to his superiors, they ask: Who is this fellow that offers advice? And when it is known that he is without coin, they spit their hands at him and use his letters in the cook's fires. But if it be a man of wealth who would speak, or write, or denounce, even though he have the brain of a yearling dromedary, or a spine as crooked and unseemingly, the whole city listens to his words and declares them wise.

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"Hello, is that Victor Nordin?"

"Shure."

"Well, where will I find you all next week?"

"I will be at the Woodman Hall, on Tuesday we have a meeting of the Scandinavian Local, and on Thursday and Saturday we run a dance. On Sunday evening, we give an entertainment and lecture. Bring your friends along. Goodbye, you poor Irishman."

"Hello, is that Comrade Litman?"

"Yes, who is that?"

"This is Leon Trotzky."

"Well, what can I do for you, Comrade Trotzky?"

"When does the Workmen's Circle meet, in case I am in Duluth any time?"

"Oh, the Workmen's Circle, they meet on the First and Third Thursday of each month. Our headquarters are at 22 East 1st Street. We share headquarters with the Jewish S. P. Local and the Ladies Auxiliary. What is that, when do the other organizations meet. Well, the Jewish Local meets every second Thursday, sure, come along to our next meeting. Yes, Mrs. Carney will be there, the editor's wife. Some wife, Leon, hush, not a word."

"Is that you Jack Carney, this is Max Carson, well I've lost my wife, what shall I do? She has took my only che-e-ld with her. I am heart-broken."

"Cheer up, Max, she has gone to the Ladies Auxiliary meeting, you know it is their meeting night, the 24th."

"Some boy you, Carney, when is it your wife coming?"

"Find your own wife first and we will look after ours."

"Is that Mr. Carney?"

"Yes, who is that?"

"Well, I want my daddy, this is Helen O'Rourke, and my daddy did not come home."

"That is alright, Helen, your daddy attends the Local meeting of the English Local every second Wednesday. Tonight is the 28th, and besides he is also on the City Central Committee, they meet on the Wednesday following the English local meeting. Goodbye—what is that—when am I coming to your house—oh, some day, goodbye."

"Hello, is that you, Mrs. Erickson?"

"Well, what about it?"

"Some saucy customer."

"Do not forget that the Scandinavian Women's Section of the Local meets on the first Thursday in every month. Their next meeting is on April 4th. When is my wife coming—say, whose wife is she anyway. Goodbye."

"Hello."

"Oh, mister Carney, I have lost my husband!"

"Well, I am sorry, that is too bad, you see my wife will be here on the first, and that puts me off the list entirely. What is that, you are not looking for a husband, you cannot keep tag on the one you've got. Who are you anyway?"

"I'm Mr-s-s-s-s Ser-r-rmon, and I want my husband!"

"Oh, cheer up, Mrs. Sermon, your old man hasn't run away, he is down at the meeting of the West End local, they have amalgamated with the city branch. Cheer up. Goodbye."

"Hell-o."

"Where will you be on Sunday afternoon?"

"Why?"

"We want you to come fishing."

"Alright, call at room 116 Stack Building, corner of 21st Ave. West and Superior St., between 2 and 4.30, we will be there fishing for pointers in economics. Can you come?"

"Shure."

"Bring your brother and sister, father and mother, grandfather and grandmother, bring the Kaiser and we will throw Das Kapital at him, all three volumes at once. Shure, Comrade Thompson will be there, Langdahl, some tailor, shure, he will be there, also comrades Edes, he (hides the list of speakers. Goodbye, shure, I should say not. My wife can look after herself."

"Hello, Hello, Hello!"

"Oh, what in the name of jumping Jeosaphat are you all shouting at once?"

"We are all in room 116, and you promised to come and talk to us. It is five minutes after ten. We are all here in the Stack building. Who are we? We are the rising young Bolsheviks of America and we meet every Sunday in room 116 Stack Building. Mr. Carney, the man without a country, he tells us all what we want to know. The rest we can learn ourselves. Shure you can all come, we will find room. Do not forget Mr. Editor to come. Goodbye."

Gee, what a life!

"Hello, Comrade Carney."

"This is comrade Siren, and we want to inform all the Finns who have not finished their education, that we meet every First and Third Sunday in the month at Tarmo Hall. Dances every Tuesday and Saturday. Whats that, do we take in the White Guard? Yes, and we will revolutionize them and turn them into a Red Guard. What is that, when I learn Finnish learning English and you Finnish learning Finnish, we will be able to Finn-ish our conversation. I should say we would. Goodbye."

We are sorry for the telephone girl. Phew, what a life!

YOUNG FOLKS ROUND TABLE

By BALKIS
(Editor of The Little Comrade, Chicago.)

CRAGS, BAGS AND RAGS.

Once upon a time, when men traveled on foot, on horseback and on the backs of camels, they built highways through the mountains and over high and rocky places. These roads they traveled singly, in pairs and in groups or trains, called caravans.

And it came to pass that certain bold and cunning men took hiding places along the highways and among the crags and rocks. Here they built towers and castles and armed themselves with swords and lances, for gunpowder was then unknown.

Whenever a traveler or a caravan came along, these bold robbers or, as we shall call them, Crag Barons, sprang out from their hiding places and ordered them to halt. They then proceeded to make them divide up their silks and rugs and spices and jewels or whatever they carried, before they would let the travelers to go on their way.

In the years that passed, the traders, who needs must travel far to sell their goods were solely vexed at having to give to the robber Crag Barons so much of their wares. But, when gunpowder was invented, these castles and hiding places were destroyed, and the travelers passed in safety along the highways.

Now, this was all very well, but in the long years that followed, the robber Barons thought up new ways to force the people to divide up their goods, as we shall soon see.

With the building of cities and railroads, men no longer traveled forth and back to sell their goods

but shipped them by rail in much larger quantities than before. They then built big factories and mills and made all kinds of things—some useful, some harmful, some beautiful, some ugly to be sold in the market places.

But the people were very unwise not to keep the factories they built and make only useful and beautiful things, and only as much as they needed, to be happy and free. For the Bag Baron now came upon the scene, and as fast as things were made, he put them in bags. Each bag was marked with a single magic word "mine" and for these bags large sums of money were paid by the people. This was even worse than dividing up with the Crag Barons, for they only took a part for themselves but the Bag Barons took all, and only gave back enough so the people could live and make things to put in bags—and a little for charity.

The people were kept on the jump night and day to fill the bags and got back scarce enough to live on and only of the poorest and cheapest kind. At last the people grew sorely vexed at all this and some refused to fill any bags at all. But they were told that this was laziness; and if one quit, another took his place.

About this time there grew up another class of Barons, we may call Rag Barons. These were very annoying, to be sure. The Rag Barons had no advantage whatever. Some were crippled and worn out filling bags, some were discouraged and refused to fill any more bags and some could not find any bags to be filled. So, clad in ugly rags, these Rag Barons stood where all could see and cried, "Pity my rags and give me food, for I have nothing."

Now, patient little reader, the people have freed themselves from the robber Crag Barons, but the greedy Bag Barons and the beggar Rag Barons are still here. They disguise themselves in many clever and magical ways; but by this sign you

may know them both: they never say "Do this for yourself", but always, "Do this for ME!"

Is this what you thought, the first time you saw a song book? "I don't know how to read the words. Nor how the black things go; But if you stand it up and sing, You never need to know."

POLITICAL ECONOMY CLASS RISE, PASS. (Lesson I.)

Wealth. Things like houses, chairs, watches, sleds, dolls, skates, pianos, iron, land, are called wealth.

Alike. Things called wealth are alike in two ways: 1. People want them. 2. They can be owned.

Owning Things. Owning a thing is keeping everyone else from using it unless you want them to.

QUESTIONS.

1. Are air and sunlight wealth? Why?
2. Is water wealth, ever? Is ice?
3. Is a fish in the ocean wealth? On the table?

What must happen before anything is wealth?

(Continued in our next.)

A PUZZLED THINKER.

My mother says that when I was a little girl I had a great habit of saying what I thought about things, from the way Teacher punished the boys to the color of our neighbor's cat. Well, I don't remember, but as mother says so, it must be true.

But I do remember her telling me it was all right for a little girl to think but they must not talk much. As I grew older and went to church, and still a little older so that I understood what the preacher said it seemed to me that I mustn't even think but only listen and believe. So, as I grew up I tried hard to keep from talking or thinking much, supposing that when I should be grown, it would be my privilege to do both.

But the other evening I saw a crowd of big folks on the street and wishing to know what it meant, I pushed myself into the crowd and saw a man standing on a box talking. But before I had a chance to find out what he was telling the people, a policeman drove us all away.

So now, dear Balkis, it seems that even big folks are not allowed to speak or listen and I am so puzzled what I really should not do! Can you help me out? Still, I am almost afraid to ask for fear you will find out I have been thinking. It may be I should not even think. Please forgive me.

Some mottoes suggested for our column:

- "The children of today are the men of tomorrow."
- "Men are children, grown tall."
- "The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts."
- "The child mind is more receptive and more retentive than any other."
- What's yours? Let's have your best!

MY SWEET VIRGINIA

We had heard so much of Virginia, had we not sang in our songs of my sweet Virginia. What pleasant memories does that name arouse! But alas and alack! it was not Virginia, Minnesota. Virginia, Minnesota, is the home of the Steel Trust. There you will find some of the world's wealthy resources. There in Virginia, men have made fortunes and workers have been cast on the industrial scrap-heap. There in Virginia, you will see fat sheriffs and thin children, big policemen and starved workers. There in Virginia you will see huge stacks pouring out smoke in galore. There you will find big factories, where the workers produce the wealth, and there you will find cramped dwellings where the workers live. Virginia is the home of the Steel Trust, so we are told, and the Steel Trust has made more profit since war was declared than it ever made. But the workers of Virginia do not receive any more for their labor. So we want to know when shall we sing again of my sweet Virginia.

We journeyed to Virginia to address a meeting under the auspices of the English Local of the Socialist Party. Upon our arrival at the meeting place, we were escorted to the police station and there we had the pleasure (?) of interviewing the sheriff, the chief of the police and the detective who took us there. This is what transpired at that memorable meeting, we say memorable, because we never thought that a man like the Chief of the Police could hold office. He cannot read or write, and what is more, he is intellectually incapable of understanding his duties as Chief of the Police.

We were asked what we were going to talk about. We replied that we are going to discuss the subject of biology. The Chief replied there is

going to be no war talk here. So we accordingly disbanded our biological regiment. But the detective was not satisfied, he wanted to know something more about biology. We told him that we were going to explain the development of a chicken. Ah, ah, thought the detective, we scent a plot here. Now for the unravelling of the mystery. What kind of a chicken? ses he. He must have had his mind on a sporting house. What kind of a chicken, and this is the type of being that has the power to say what we shall do and what we shall not do.

We were discussing things with the Chief, the Sheriff and the detective for about forty-five minutes. The Chief told us about the awful things that these Finnish people do, how the I.W.W. came along and killed people. He got quite enthusiastic and said, you should see what we took from these I. W. Ws. We waited with bated breath, what was coming, we did not know. After all what the Chief had told us, we expected anything from dynamite to a sea serpent. He finally brought out some copies of the I. W. W. leaflets, News Bulletins, Song books, and also a copy of the Preamble of the Socialist Party of Canada. This is the stuff they have been carrying about with them, we know them too well, ses the Chief.

What a terrible thing to carry about, a few leaflets, this was causing all the trouble. No wonder men and women run blind pigs, and earthquakes come in our midst. No wonder men leave their wives, and children keep away from school. What can we expect when these I. W. Ws print leaflets telling the workers to get together. The I. W. W. are doing far too much, according to the Chief. We suppose the I.W.W. put Teddy in the hospital, they're a bad lot.

We were told that we would not be allowed to discuss the war, not to speak on any of the policies of the Government. We were not to mention the I. W. W. and not to talk of the money question. We were not to say anything that would cause discontent. So it was impossible to make an address.

The Chief of the Police, the next time he entertains a Socialist, must make sure that the Socialist is not watching him. It is a silly game to wink at the Sheriff, it is only another form of deceit. We were on to the Chief all the time. We are sorry for the Sheriff, he is in bad company. He seems to be a broadminded kind of an individual, and we are of the opinion that if he comes back into the ranks of the workers, he may take his place as a member of the workers' army, that is out to make VIRGINIA SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY.

We want to deny what the Chief of the Police said about the I. W. W. He said that the I. W. W. were murderers, we want to inform him that he tells a deliberate lie, and what is more, he knows he is lying. The I. W. W. are not murderers, they are a band of men and women, imbued with the idea of making this world, Virginia included, fit for people to live in. If the I. W. W. had control of things, there would be no war in Europe, no men, women or children would have been burnt alive in Colorado, children would not die in our slums for the want of good food and fresh air. Women would not be forced to sell their bodies and souls, that they might live. The I. W. W. may be questioned as regards tactics, but their honesty of purpose CANNOT be questioned. They are of more benefit to the community than all your police and sheriffs, they do produce something, and that is more than the police do. The I. W. W. have starved, been beaten, sent to prison and lynched and still they carry on their fight for the emancipation of the workers. The reason why a good many do not join the I. W. W. is because they lack the moral courage to carry out the ideas and aims of that organization. Better by far to have the I. W. W. in control than the Steel Trust. The I. W. W. will not be crushed, they will live as long as capitalism exists, and so the Police of Virginia might as well try to bale out the ocean, as try to crush the I. W. W. We have no trouble in Virginia, and the Sheriff smiled, the place is full of members of the I. W. W. But they have become wiser since their last strike. Some fine day, the masters of Virginia are going to get a * * * of a shock. The workers are organizing as they never organized before, and the authorities will be powerless to stop them.

We want to ask two or three questions:

1. When did the Chief of the Police take out his second papers?
2. Why does not Dr. Crowe become a citizen, he is a public official, and if a public official does not become a citizen, how can we expect the Finns to become citizens?
3. Has the municipal judge learnt the affirmation oath yet?
4. Wonder how Judge Carey will go on, now the town is dry?

We want to inform the authorities of Virginia that they can never kill an organization by stopping its meetings. The Czar of Russia tried that, and look where he is! In the forest,

if a plant cannot get room to sprout, it sends its roots out into the soil and becomes firmly entrenched. The same with an organization, if you refuse to allow it to meet and discuss the questions of the day, you drive it underground and then you never know what it is doing or going to do. Poor foolish authorities, you have got something to learn yet, when you will wake up to the fact that brute force does not imply intelligence. The authorities in Virginia are foolish, they have not got enough sense to understand the trend of the times. More people will rally to the cause of the Socialist Party and the I. W. W., because of their action, than would have done if a thousand speeches had been made.

Extract from letter published in the "Berliner Tageblatt" of Dec. 24.

The author of the letter is Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, a captain of the reserves and the Prussian "Landrat". He wrote on October 18 from the trenches. He said:

"Whoever fights in this war 'in the front ranks, whoever 'realizes the misery and un-'speakable wretchedness caused 'by a modern war . . . will un-'avoidably arrive at the con-'viction, if he had not acquired 'it earlier, that mankind MUST 'FIND A WAY OF OVERCOM-'ING WAR. It is untrue that eternal peace is a dream, and 'not even a beautiful one. A 'time will and must arrive 'which will no longer know war, 'and this time will mark a gig-'antic progress in comparison 'with our own. Just as human 'morality has overcome the war 'of all against all, just as the in-'dividual had to accustom him-'self to seek redress of his griev-'ances at the hands of the State 'after bloody feuds and duels 'had been banished by civil 'peace, so in their development 'will the nations discover ways 'and means to settle budding 'conflicts not by means of wars, 'but in some other regulated 'fashion, irrespective of what 'each of us individually may 'think."

Unfortunately, the writer of this thoughtful letter died on the battlefield.

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Editorial



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All news and meeting reports to be in by Tuesday morning.
Advertisements accepted up to Wednesday evening.

THE DAY IS DAWNING.

The elections in Milwaukee, Superior and St. Paul, and also the Wisconsin Senate election have come as a terrible "eye-opener" to the capitalist class.

The St. Paul election was a slap in the eye for Governor Burnquist and plainly proves where the sentiments of the people lie. Emme received over 6,000 votes, and the other candidate Hodgson received over 10,000. Hodgson is credited with being a Socialist by the capitalist papers. He is very progressive and believes in public ownership of public utilities. The St. Paul election comes as a sign of the future, it plainly shows that the day is going by, when the people can be fooled much longer by the politician who just waves the flag. The people are demanding something more than flag-waving, they are demanding real service by its political leaders. The pendulum is coming back with a mighty swing and more cities than St. Paul are feeling its effect.

In Milwaukee, the Socialist candidate received a tremendous big vote, Dan Hoan, the Socialist Candidate, received the highest number of votes, over 20,000, and the Republican candidate 16,000. Berger received the highest number of votes for Senator, the voting being:

Berger	14,496
Thompson	9,917
Lenroot	6,181

In Sheboygan County the vote for Senator was:

Berger	2,105
Thompson	1,800
Lenroot	903

In Superior Comrade Harris failed by 135 votes to secure a position on the final ballot. Comrades Lundeen and Marx secured a place on the final ballot and stand a good chance of being elected. The big vote for Baxter is due to the fact that he received the endorsement of the Labor Unions. Also he had supported labor legislation in the Senate, that was of considerable assistance to him in this campaign.

The redeeming feature of the campaign was the decisive defeat rendered Mayor Konkell, who only received 557 votes out of over 5,000. This is a knock-out blow, that will be remembered by the politicians who think that they can graft and corrupt a city at their own sweet will.

The results of the election should inspire comrades to go on and fight all the more for the party. They should see that the present feeling is not allowed to die out. We should continually keep on pegging away and wake the people up to the truth of the situation. We are now at the parting of the ways, capitalism stands today in a position that will eventually end in its destruction. Out of this system war was created and out of this war the system will be cremated. Comrades, never at any time in the history did the future look so promising. We are now on the highway road to INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY. Get the other fellow and let the other fellow get the other fellow, and we shall all get together and in one working-class army, we shall march triumphant. All the wrongs of the past, all the injuries to our class, we will not forget, today we stand with every promise of wiping out all the wrong of the past and the injuries to our class. We stand today with every hope of seeing in OUR time the bringing about of the INDUSTRIAL COMMONWEALTH. Comrades, the CAUSE ALONE IS WORTHY UNTIL THE GOOD DAYS BRING THE BEST.

Special wire to the Truth:
Re Mrs. Broms.

Her case is very bad one. She is now sick abed from nervous breakdown, attendant upon learning the verdict in her husband's case. Make a strong appeal.

A. L. Sugarman.

AN APPRECIATION.

We desire to extend to the Scandinavian Local our very best thanks for the generous way in which they rallied to the support of the paper.

They sold a Cushion, generously donated by Mrs. Mosberg, for \$50.00, and furthermore they purchased 200 subscriptions.

If it had not been for the generous support tendered by our Scandinavian Comrades, this paper would have had to close down. Words of ours fail to express how much we owe to this timely assistance.

We trust that our readers will feel inclined to emulate the stirring example set by our Comrades.

COMRADE EDES HONORED BY THE DULUTH BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS.

On Tuesday the 11th President Wilson sent a message of sympathy to the Bolsheviks, and hoped that they would be able to maintain that which they had won. His whole note was a clear expression of sympathy for the Bolsheviks. The same afternoon, comrade Edes, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the Socialist ticket, was discharged from his position as engineer at the S. Luke's Hospital, because he was in sympathy with the Bolsheviks. So it seems, that all the masters in Duluth are not standing behind the President. It is a terrible indictment of our modern civilization, when a man is discharged for standing by that which he believes to be true. If comrade Edes had cared to be a political trickster, he could have been one of Duluth's "leading citizens", but because he stood by the class to which he belonged, he was fired from his job.

Comrade Edes, the Socialist movement in Duluth does not need to be told by any master as to whether you are loyal or not. You have proven your loyalty to the cause of the workers, the only loyalty that counts in the struggle for life. When the men who fired you have passed to the Great Beyond, when they have lain in their graves few years, they will have been forgotten. But so long as the workers are gathered together, fighting the fight that you have rendered such noble service in, so long will your name be remembered. John Brown is always being talked of, the child at school, the young man on the corner, the old man beside the window, they all know of John Brown. He has been dead many years, but he still lives in the hearts of millions of people, all over the world. No one mentions the late Pierpont Morgan, no one talks about the millionaire who dies, his death is just passing news. They are forgotten because they have never contributed one iota to the wellbeing of the community.

So, comrade Edes, when your employers asked you, did you stand by the Bolsheviks and the Socialist Party, and when in that hour you stood up and affirmed your faith in the world-wide cause of Socialism, you advanced the cause of Socialism. You ensnared it in the hearts of many people, who were not Socialists, but who knew you to be a genuine member of the working-class.

Comrade, the fight may seem hard now, it is not a good thing to be fired when the years are creeping on. We can sympathize with you in your present position, as we have had a similar experience ourselves. But comrade, your day has got to come, your masters are having theirs now, but their day is coming to a close. And when the long night is over, and the Cause of Socialism has triumphed, Comrade Edes, you will be as fresh in the minds of the future generations as you are in the minds of the present.

THE DULUTH LABOR WORLD CLIMES DOWN.

In the issue of the Duluth Labor World of March 9th, there appeared a leading article on Samuel Gompers and our foreign policy. The writer stated that the American Labor Movement was beginning to repudiate Gompers, and was at the parting of the ways. "It is about to cast off the old indifference to what the workers of the rest of the world are doing—what they think, what they hope for, what they struggle and die for—what they have done and are willing to do, across all national boundary lines, to make the world unsafe for poverty and caste."

It came to us like a sweet refreshing breeze on a hot summer's day. At last, we thought, the Labor Movement is waking up, it must be so, when the OFFICIAL ORGAN of the Duluth Labor Movement comes out against Gompers. Unfortunately our joy was short lived; this week we read a repudiation of their previous statement, followed by an eulogy of Samuel Gompers and an attack upon Karl Legien, President of the German Labor Movement. Gompers, they say, refused to attend because Karl Legien would be there.

We regret that the Labor World should repudiate its Washington correspondent, because this repudiation does not convince us of its sincerity. It looks as if there was some one standing behind the editor with a whip, saying, "We shall tell you what to write, never dare to write your own views in the official labor paper. Always sound the note of standing behind our leaders, whether they are right or wrong."

Samuel Gompers, the worst labor reactionary that ever walked on two feet, refuses to attend a Peace Conference, because a German labor leader will be there! What does it matter that millions of dead bodies are mummified under the sun of the torrid zones! What does it matter that millions of bodies lie stewing in fetid, festering masses in the mud and snow of France! What does it matter that our insane asylums are being filled by men who have lost their reason! What does it matter that children are crying for the father, who lies dead upon the plains of Flanders! What does it matter that grief, worry and heartache, the canker of mental despair is abroad in the land! A German will attend the Peace Conference. A German labor leader, with hands stretched out from a land, where misery and starvation is rampant, appeals to Samuel Gompers, and Gompers, like Nero of old, who laughed when Rome was burning and the sizzling

of human flesh could be heard, stands aloft like some mighty god and refuses to even consider the appeal. Samuel Gompers, when the history of labor comes to be written, when the children of the future hear of your name, it will be hissed. When you are lying in your grave, men will remember you with a curse on their lips, that you the President of the American Federation of Labor, refused to even consider Peace. It is useless to write against Gompers, what can we expect from him. When the street-car and elevator men were out on strike in New York, in the depths of winter, one man committed suicide, because he could not get work on account of being a striker; when the strikers were going around with barrel-organs, appealing for pennies, so that they might buy bread, when Samuel Gompers knew that these men, with their wives and children were starving, yet he allowed the Central Labor Union of New York to spend over \$5,000 on a dinner that he might bask in the sunshine of present day notoriety. When these men appealed to him to get the unions to come out on a general strike, he turned it down. He allowed these workers to be cruelly starved and beaten, all because he was not advanced enough to understand the development of modern industry.

When workers of this country were war-weary and wanted to see Europe at peace: when they formed a People's Council, like the one in Russia, he again asserted his so-called dignity (?) and formed a dual organization. He spent money like Harry Thaw, and he has never stated where that money came from. He has sold the pass. Let him secure a Government job while the war is on. Do something to "make hay while the sun shines", for a day of reckoning is at hand. He was once ordered out of Chicago by the Painters' Union. Let him make sure that he will not be ordered out of the labor movement. The giant labor is asleep, he has a bandage over his eyes. tied there by Gompers & Co. He is stretching himself, see, he is awaking. Watch out, Gompers, his hands are moving, he will tear that bandage from his eyes, and when he finds out how you have tricked him, we tell you, Gompers, that we would rather be the worst slave in the worst bastille, than be Samuel Gompers, friend of King George V of England, and arch-enemy of the best interests of American Labor.

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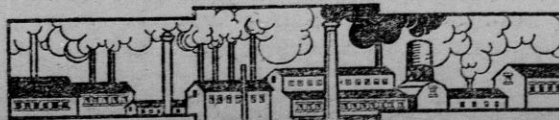
PEACE ALSO WILL HAVE ITS HORRORS, MENTAL, ECONOMIC, and PHYSICAL.

The physical and mental will remain with the world long after this century has passed away. But the economic may come suddenly like a blinding flash of lightning, ripping society to pieces and destroying in the ensuing conflagration the rotten system, capitalism, that grips mankind with blood-stained talons and which plunged the universe into the present conflict. The God of war is still unsatisfied. Down in his insatiable maw, have passed over ten million men, and he awaits for more. Those who have as yet escaped his greed, the majority of them will be left battered and bruised, unable to carry on the struggle for existence. Others who are left behind are still carrying on the work of destruction, and night and day with increased energy they are producing more instruments of destruction, and less of construction.

Imagine if you can, the chaos that will arise out of this war, despite all the men who have been killed, and the millions engaged in producing war materials, and the feverish energy displayed in other industries, we still have the UNEMPLOYED. What is going to happen, when the God of war cries enough, and the vast armies of the workers return home? Can anyone in their wildest flights of imagination, the terrible condition of affairs that is going to exist? Dante with all his vivid powers of the pen, could not portray the scenes that we will witness, when the war is over. PEACE WILL BE TERRIBLE, war will bring more curses in its trail and with the coming of peace, the God of War will smile and hand over to the God of Mammon his surplus victims. The capitalists are having a picnic, never did they gorge themselves so much before. More millionaires are created and yet the workers are worse off.

ASK YOURSELVES, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

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